

Summary of the inspection report  
on

Dubai International School, Al Quoz

Publication Date of report

Month	Year
May	2009

School established for

9 years

School type	Private	Name of Principal	Dr. Akram Zeiour
Date of inspection	February 2009	Number of students on roll	1,690
Curriculum provided	US	Contact telephone	04 3380370

Dubai School Inspection Bureau identified:

Key strengths of the school:

- Behaviour, attitudes and spiritual and civic understanding of the students;
- Potential for and commitment to improvement;
- Care and support of teachers for students and the respect students showed for their teachers and for one another.

Dubai Schools Inspection Bureau requires that the school take the following action to secure further improvement:

- Improve teaching methods in order to meet the needs of the student as an individual learner by:
  - Promoting active, student-led learning where resources are readily accessible and relevant to student needs;
  - Raising expectations of what students know, understand and can do.
- Review curriculum provision to ensure that learning is a rich and enjoyable experience for all students. In particular, ensure that provision in the Kindergarten meets the developmental needs of young children;
- Implement an externally validated assessment process;
- Attend to the specific Health and Safety concerns identified as a matter of urgency;
- Build on and extend the existing good professional practice in the school.

Level 4: Outstanding

Level 3: Good

Level 2: Acceptable

Level 1: Unsatisfactory

How well does the school perform overall?

Acceptable

#### Next steps:

Dubai International School, Al Qouz has to prepare an action plan indicating how they will address the main findings of the report, and to share that plan with parents. The next inspection will report on the progress made by the school.

#### About Inspections:

##### The purpose of inspection

The inspection was part of a strategy to evaluate educational standards and quality in all of the schools in Dubai. The inspection covered core aspects of the work of the school at all stages. Inspectors assessed the students' progress in key subjects, in particular, Arabic, Islamic Studies, English, mathematics and science (Grades 6 to 12). They evaluated important aspects of the work of the school including the quality of teaching and learning, the arrangements to protect and support students, including health and safety, leadership and management and the school's capacity for improvement.

##### The framework for inspection

All schools in Dubai were evaluated against seven central questions based on internationally accepted research into school effectiveness. Inspectors' evaluations concluded with a final judgement regarding the overall performance of the school. In the first cycle of inspections the judgement used for every school was:

##### Description of inspection levels

Level 4: Outstanding quality – exceptionally high quality of performance or practice.

Level 3: Good quality – the expected level for every school in Dubai.

Level 2: Acceptable – the minimum level of acceptability required for Dubai. All key aspects of performance and practice in every school should meet or exceed this level.

Level 1: Unsatisfactory – quality not yet at the level acceptable for schools in Dubai. Schools will be expected to take urgent measures to improve the quality of any aspect of their performance or practice that is judged at this level.

More information regarding the Inspection levels can be found in the online version of the Initial Quality Inspections Handbook at [www.khda.gov.ae](http://www.khda.gov.ae).

### Inspectors assessed the following aspects of the work of the school:

- How good is the students' progress?
- How good is the students' personal and social development?
- How good is the teaching and learning?
- How well does the curriculum meet the educational needs of the students?
- How well does the school protect and support students?
- How good are the leadership and management of the school?
- How well does the school perform overall?

### What happens next year?

A full report will be provided to parents in the second year. This will include information regarding inspectors' judgements on each of the quality indicators assessed.

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